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NIST Center for Neutron Research (NCNR)

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There are a total of **31** responses for the selected group from 15-Feb-2004 to 20-Feb-2004.

1. Your position

Percent Count Answers			Answers
	9.7%	3/31	Graduate Student
	12.9%	4/31	Post-doc
	48.4%	15/31	Professor
	12.9%	4/31	Staff Scientist
	16.1%	5/31	Other
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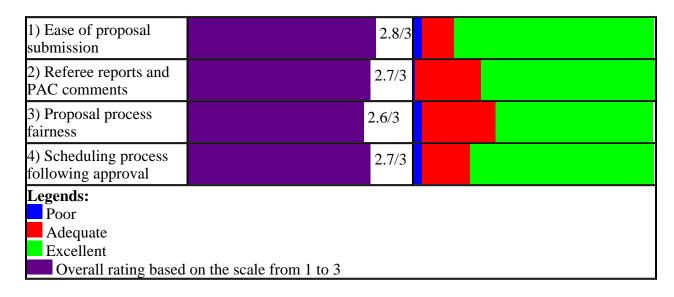
2. Your primary instrument (Please use this instrument as the basis for answers to sections 3 and 4)

Percent (Count Answers
0.0%	0/31 30m SANS, NG3
100.0%	31/31 30m SANS, NG7
0.0%	0/31 8m SANS, NG1
0.0%	0/31 Reflectometer, horizontal sample geometry, NG7
0.0%	0/31 Reflectometer, polarized beam option, vertical geometry, NG1
0.0%	0/31 Disk Chopper Spectrometer, NG4
0.0%	0/31 Backscattering Spectrometer, NG2
0.0%	0/31 Spin-Echo Spectrometer, NG5
0.0%	0/31 Cold Neutron Triple-Axis (SPINS), NG5
0.0%	0/31 USANS, BT5
0.0%	0/31 Powder Diffractometer, BT1

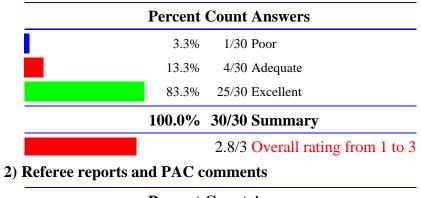
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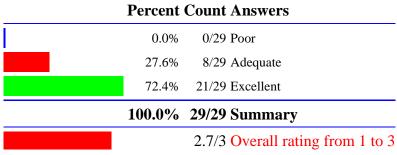
100.0%	31/31 Summary
0.0%	0/31 Triple-Axis Spectrometer, BT9
0.0%	0/31 Triple-Axis Spectrometer with polarized beam option, BT2
0.0%	0/31 Filter Analyzer Spectrometer (FANS), BT4
0.0%	0/31 Residual Stress Diffractometer, BT8

3. Please rate the proposal process

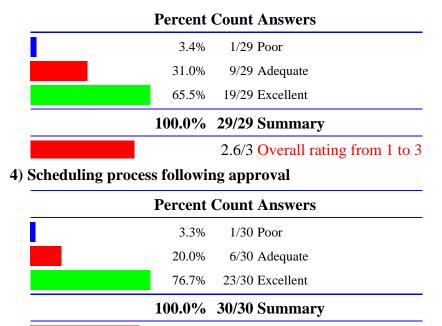


1) Ease of proposal submission



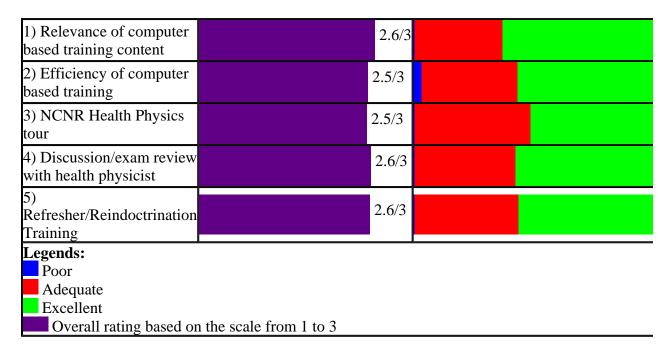


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4. Please rate the effectiveness of the health physics training

2.7/3 Overall rating from 1 to 3



1) Relevance of computer based training content

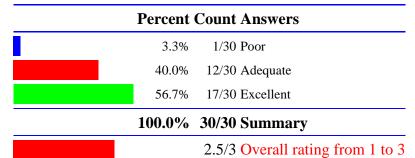
Percent Count Answers		
0.0%	0/30 Poor	
36.7%	11/30 Adequate	
63.3%	19/30 Excellent	

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100.0% 30/30 Summary

2.6/3 Overall rating from 1 to 3

2) Efficiency of computer based training



3) NCNR Health Physics tour

Percent Count Answers		
0.0%	0/31 Poor	
48.4%	15/31 Adequate	
51.6%	16/31 Excellent	
100.0%	31/31 Summary	
	2.5/3 Overall rating from 1 to 3	

4) Discussion/exam review with health physicist

Percent Count Answers		
0.0%	0/31 Poor	
41.9%	13/31 Adequate	
58.1%	18/31 Excellent	
100.0%	31/31 Summary	
	2.6/3 Overall rating from 1 to 3	

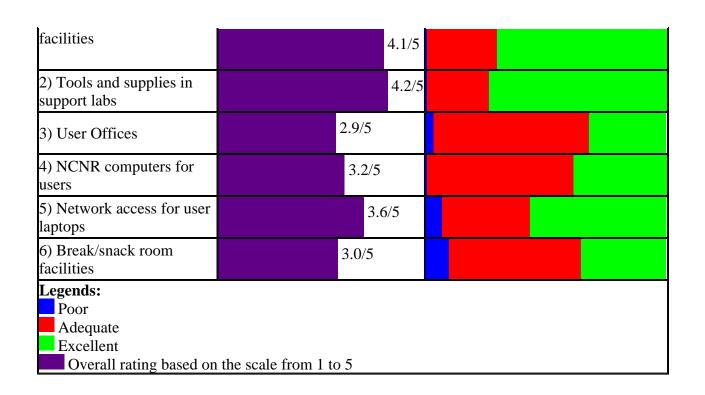
5) Refresher/Reindoctrination Training

Percent Count Answers		
0.0%	0/30 Poor	
43.3%	13/30 Adequate	
56.7%	17/30 Excellent	
100.0%	30/30 Summary	
	2.6/3 Overall rating from 1 to 3	

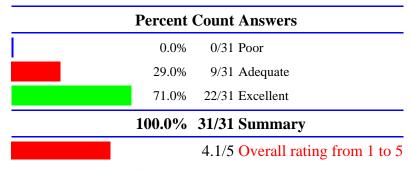
5. Please rate the user support facilities

1) User Laboratory		
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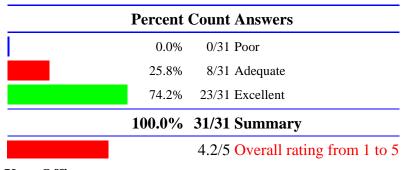
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1) User Laboratory facilities



2) Tools and supplies in support labs

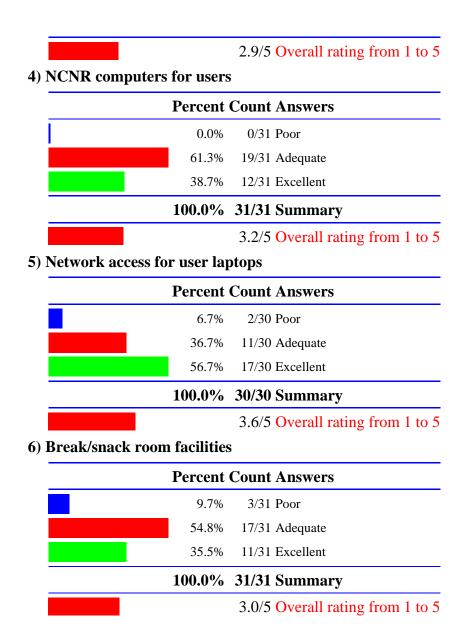


3) User Offices

Percent Count Answers		
	3.2%	1/31 Poor
	64.5%	20/31 Adequate
	32.3%	10/31 Excellent

100.0% 31/31 Summary

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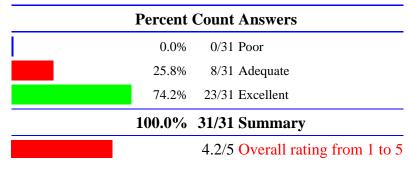
6. Please rate the following aspects of sample environments



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Overall rating based on the scale from 1 to 5

1) Availability of different sample environments



2) Quality and reliability of the equipment

Percent Count Answers		
0.0%	0/31 Poor	
22.6%	7/31 Adequate	
77.4%	24/31 Excellent	
100.0%	31/31 Summary	
	4.3/5 Overall rating from 1 to 5	

3) Support from sample environment personnel

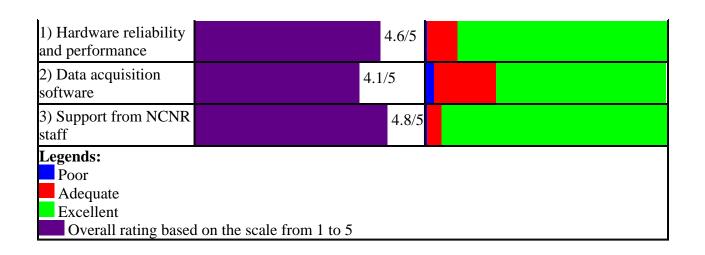
Percent Count Answers		
0.0%	0/31 Poor	
3.2%	1/31 Adequate	
96.8%	30/31 Excellent	
100.0%	31/31 Summary	
	4.9/5 Overall rating from 1 to 5	

7. What other sample environments would you research benefit from

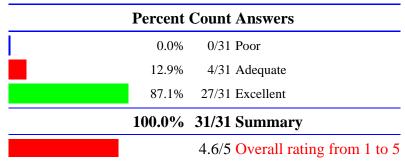
- o I would like to know the exact temperature of sample in the shear cell
- o second shear cell, just in case "the one" is broken.
- o More on high presure for supercritical fluid applications
- o I like to make my own. As such I would appreciate more flexible and widely capable control interfaces between the NS instruments and user supplied ancillary equipment.
- o N/A

8. Please rate your primary NCNR instrument

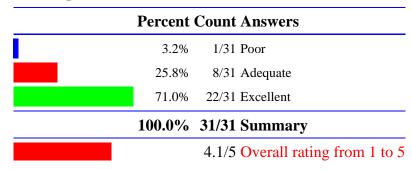
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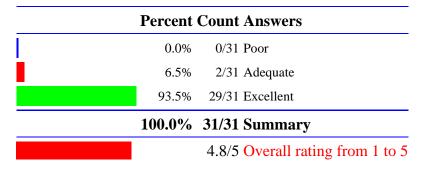
1) Hardware reliability and performance



2) Data acquisition software

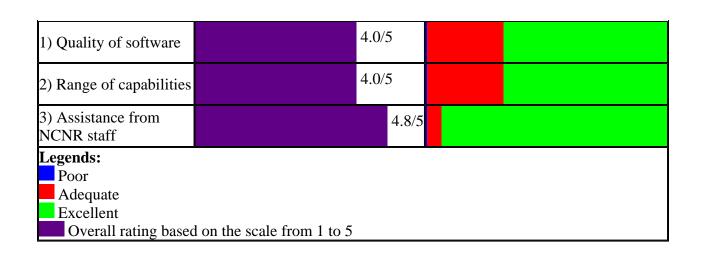


3) Support from NCNR staff

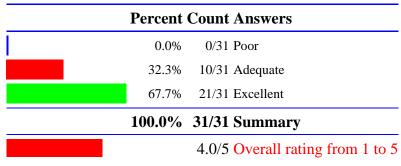


Please rate data analysis and visualization software at the NCNR

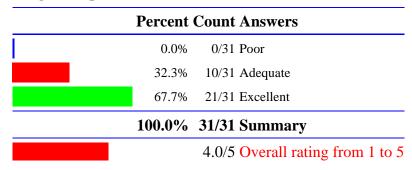
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1) Quality of software



2) Range of capabilities



3) Assistance from NCNR staff

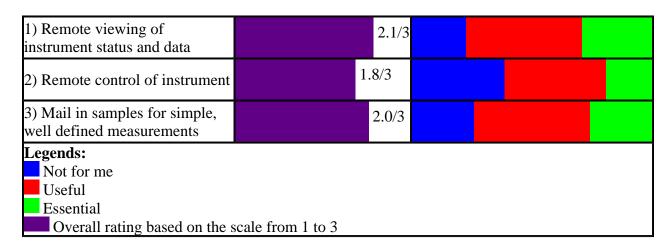
Percent Count Answers		
0.0%	0/31 Poor	
6.5%	2/31 Adequate	
93.5%	29/31 Excellent	
100.0%	31/31 Summary	
	4.8/5 Overall rating from 1 to 5	

10. What other data analysis tools would your research benefit from

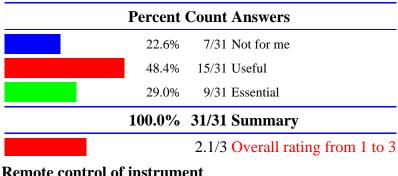
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- Desmearing
- o Something like "spyglass transform" for easy and immediate presentation of SANS spectra in 2d and 3d format.
- o Userfriendly software that allows to test data versus established models: I am an unexperienced industrial user, and it is useful to quickly test data against these established models. Not without the supoport of the very helpful NIST staff scientists this is possible.
- o See answer to 3.3
- o Internet collaborative interaction for off site people on the experiment.
- o Non command-line data reduction, including real-time display of array data and I(q) if calibrations and transmissions have been run, possibly with LabVIEW. Automation of data reduction, expecially piecing together low and high q datasets. Direct link of reduced I(q) to PC or Mac to Kaliedagraph or Excel spreadsheet file and/or plot.
- o The Igor based software has been invaluable. Steve Klein's help in adding some new macros was greatly appreciated.

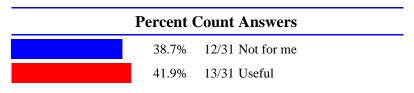
11. Please rate to what extent these forms of remote access (would) benefit your research program



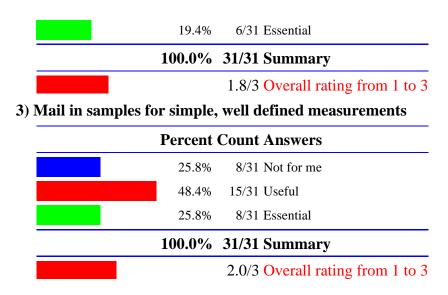
1) Remote viewing of instrument status and data



2) Remote control of instrument



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12. Please list any neutron instruments not currently at the NCNR that would benefit your research program or the community in general.

- o magnetic neutron spin echo
- o A spin echo spectrometer that actually worked and had software that wasn't a disaster.
- o some supplemental x-ray equipment for simple characterization while doing neutron experiments. For example x-ray reflectivity for film thickness determination while running neutron refelctivity. This capability exists at NCNR but is not easily available to visiting users (though the management such a facility might be difficulty).
- o spin-polarized SANS

13. Are there any other comments or suggestions about the NCNR that you would like to add?

- o the NIST-NCNR is probably the greatest American scientific asset and it deserves to be funded at the requested level or more.
 - X.S. Ling, Associate Professor of Physics
- o Remote viewing apparatus to see samples during runs without interruptions.
- It is an excellent facility which has been an integral part of the research group that I am in over the years. Our studies at NCNR have increased our understanding of complex fluids and in assembling new structures.
- o More spare parts and second quartz shear cell, just in case something is broken.
- o I would like to indicate my satisfaction with the staff. They have been extremely helpful.
- NCNR programs had significant role in the development of my research. Summer schools
 were excellent chance to learn from well known scientists, staff are very available and
 helpful, and there are good tools and softwares for data analysis.
 NCNR is a valuable source for researchers(graduate students and professors) all over
 nation.
- o AN excellent facility, world-class personnel, and unique instruments.
- o Can you clone Mike? I think US neutron scattering needs about five of him. And good luck

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to Pat.

- o Best neutron scattering site in the US and world class facility overall.
- o I think that the remote experimentation capability is a very important improvement that could be used to assess feasibility of some kinds of experiments. I am setting up a remote experimentation user facility in my laboratory since I am based on the west coast. This facility is equipped with computers, video projectors, and interaction areas especially designed to facilitate remote experimentation.
- I hope that the level of support and stability of personel will continue. It makes coming to the NCNR a pleasure.

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